

***NO BILL IS
FOUND
AGAINST
NEWT LEE***

The Fulton county grand jury, sitting Tuesday in regular session, returned a "no-bill" against Newt Lee the negro factory night watchman whose testimony figured so largely in the trial of Leo M. Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan.

The action of the grand jury eliminates Lee in the matter of being connected with the murder in any manner.

**SLATON IS
ASKED**

TO REFUSE PARDON

Mass Meeting at
Swansboro

Condemns Action of
Prison

Commission
Recommending
Clemency for
McNaughton

Swainsboro, Ga., September 16.—(Special.)—A petition issued as a result of a mass meeting of Emanuel county citizens at Swainsboro, called for the purpose of publicly condemning the action of the prison commission in recommending a full pardon for Dr. W. J. McNaughton, who was convicted here in 1910 of the

murder of Fred Flanders, and who has been three times sentenced to death, was sent to Governor Slaton today.

The men who attended the meeting were greatly incensed at the action, saying they were entirely unable to understand why the courts of the land should be overruled, the sentence of judges set aside and the verdict of unbiased juries disregarded.

The petition is signed by a committee composed of J. F. Price, F. C. Branan, S. S. Moore, W. F. Thompson and R. L. Colson, and asks and respectfully demands that the governor show no clemency for the condemned physician.

"We are convinced, beyond doubt," they say, "that if this recommendation is heeded by his excellency, it will directly foster and instigate lynch law, as men will feel no protection under the law, and it will ultimately lead to anarchy, which we know is a blot on civilization, and will impoverish us of justice and the freedom which our fathers fought to establish."

The mass meeting was hurriedly called, and in its impromptu fashion stated its position on the question at hand.

Governor Slaton, late Tuesday night, declared he had received a message from J. F. Price, of Swainsboro, asking him to delay action in the McNaughton pardon matter until "both sides could be heard from."

The governor declared that he did not know until Tuesday what the purport of the message was, but that he had then heard that some Swainsboro citizens were protesting against granting a pardon to Dr. McNaughton.

"I wrote Mr. Price today," said the governor, "and told him that I would soon hear arguments in the McNaughton matter, as I have gone over the papers in the case and notified him to be present at the argument date."
